SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the hon. Member Sri Aranganathan says that these men are not refugees but the Hon. Minister says they are refugees. What are the methods adopted by the Government to find out whether a particular person is a refugee or not? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already stated that we have this information that these persons come from particular Pakistan States. There is nothing more to be enquired into by the Government. As I have already stated, even if they are not refugees, they are skilled workers and there is nothing wrong in employing them."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" வடநாட்டிலிருந்து வந்த 22 அகதிகளில் நெய்வேலி சுரங்கத்தில் எத்தனைபேருக்கு பெரிய உத்தியோகங்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ? வடநாட்டிலிருந்து வந்த உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுக்கும், கூலியாட்களுக்கும், தென்னாட்டிலிருக்கும் உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுக்கும், கூலியாட்களுக்கும் ஏதாவது ஏற்றத் தாழ்வு உண்டா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I cannot answer that general question, Sir. These refugees are drawing different rates of pay, namely, Rs. 9 per day, Rs. 5 per day, Rs. 2 per day, Rs. 214 per month, Rs. 84 per month and Rs. 49 per month. I may tell the hon. Member that there are several South Indian workers and skilled workers who are working in ' Vadanad '."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஆங்கிலத்தில் ஒரு பழமொழி உண்டு " Charity begins at Home " நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தில் இன்னும் வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டம் தீர்க்கப்படாமல் இருக்கும்பொழுது மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தாரால் அனுப்பப்படும் அகதிகளுக்கு ஏன் இம் மாகாண அரசாங்கம் அதிக பொறுப்பு எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that the Central Government governs the whole of India including Madras State."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know, Sir, the competent authority that certified these men as refugees? Are they simply certified by Mr. Ghosh, the technical officer on the spot, and classified as refugees by him. Did the persons employed there on the ground that they are refugees, get any certificate to that effect from the Refugees Rehabilitation Board in New Delhi? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated, Sir, that even if they are not refugees, if they are qualified mechanics and skilled workmen, there is nothing wrong in employing them."

*Primary Health Centres.*

* 541 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Primary Health centres in the State; and

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(b) how many are in South Arcot; and

(c) the considerations governing the opening of such centres?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Sixteen.

" (b) One.

" (c) Post-war schemes 92 and 99 provide for the opening of the centres."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Is there any proposal before Government to open any centre in South Arcot district in addition to the existing centres? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no such proposal."

[* 542 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question will be taken up afterwards."]

*Hours of duty and off-days of nurses in hospitals.*

* 543 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the hours of duty for nurses working in—

(i) the Madras City Hospitals; and

(ii) Government hospitals in mufassal places;

(b) the number of days they are off-duty in a month; and

(c) the hours of duty allotted to nurses?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) The hours of duty and the off-days of nurses are fixed with reference to the local conditions and the convenience of the respective hospitals. They are not the same in all the hospitals in the State."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, the hours of duty for nurses in the City hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In the Government General Hospital it is 7½ hours day duty on the first day and 9½ hours on the second day. The number of off-days in a month are five half days and one full day. One night off for night duty nurses. In the Stanley Hospital, it is 7½ hours day duty on first day and 10½ hours for night duty. Nine hours day duty for the second day. Three half days on week days and half a day on every alternate Sunday and one full day are off-days in a month and one night off for night duty nurses. In the Government Hospital for Women and Children, day duty nine hours, night duty 10½ hours. Two days off in a month."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know, Sir, how many beds a nurse attends?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The present proportion is one nurse for eight beds."